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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC)

PROGRAM IN SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. WHEN EMBOFF CONVEYED INFORMATION TO ANTOINE WEBER, VIET NAM REPRESENTATIVE OF ICRC, THAT GVN HAD INCREASED DAILY FOOD ALLOCATION FOR POWS AND WOULD WELCOME ICRC DISTRIBUTION NON-FOOD ITEMS (PARA 4, REFTEL), WEBER STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THESE ACTIONS. HE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE CAN THO POW CAMP AND FOOD SUPPLIES, WHILE FAR FROM PERFECT, WERE BETTER AS RESULT OF INCREASED ALLOCATION FOR FOOD.

2. WEBER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ICRC WAS PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE NON-FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, ETC., TO POWS. HE SAID RECENT POSITIVE ACTIONS BY GVN WITH RESPECT TO POWS WAS ENCOURAGING TO ICRC BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE AT LEAST PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEEM ABOUT. WEBER SAID ICRC HAD BEEN CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING FROM VIET NAM BUT NOW WERE GOING TO STAY ON.

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